

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). An improved internal wetting agent for blending with polymeric material for formation of apertured films and/or polymeric fibrous webs, said wetting agent being in pellet form and consisting essentially of between 10% and 13%, by weight, of a wetting compound, and between about 0% and 44% titanium dioxide (TiO_2), by weight, with the balance of said wetting agent comprising a polymeric carrier resin with which said wetting compound and said titanium dioxide are blended.

Claim 2 (original). An improved wetting agent in accordance with claim 1, including: said wetting compound in the range of 10% to 12.5%, by weight.

Claim 3 (original). An improved wetting agent in accordance with claim 1, including: titanium dioxide in the range of 38.5% to 40%, by weight.

Claim 4 (currently amended). An improved wetting agent for blending with polymeric material for formation of apertured films and/or polymeric fibrous webs, said wetting agent being in pellet form and consisting essentially of between about 10% and 13%, by weight, of a wetting compound, and ~~between about 0% and 44%~~ from 38.5% to 40% titanium dioxide (TiO_2), by weight, with the balance of said wetting agent comprising a polymeric carrier resin with which said wetting compound and said titanium dioxide are blended, wherein:

said polymeric carrier resin is low density polyethylene.

Claim 5 (currently amended). An improved wetting agent for blending with polymeric material for formation of apertured fibrous and/or polymeric fibrous webs, said wetting agent being in pellet form and consisting essentially of about 12.5%, by weight, of a wetting compound, about 40%, by weight, of titanium dioxide (TiO_2), and about 47.5%, by weight, of low density polyethylene as a carrier resin.

Claim 6 (currently amended). A nonwoven fabric comprising a plurality of continuous filaments, said filaments containing a wetting agent provided in pellet form and consisting essentially of between 10% and 13%, by weight, of a wetting compound, and between about 0% and 44% titanium dioxide (TiO_2), by weight, with the balance of said wetting agent comprising a polymeric carrier resin with which said wetting compound and said titanium dioxide are blended.

Claim 7 (currently amended). A film comprising a continuously extruded sheet, said sheet containing a wetting agent provided in pellet form and consisting essentially of between 10% and 13%, by weight, of a wetting compound, and between about 0% and 44% titanium dioxide (TiO_2), by weight, with the balance of said wetting agent comprising a polymeric carrier resin with which said wetting compound and said titanium dioxide are blended.

Claim 8 (withdrawn). A disposable waste-containment garment, comprising;
an absorbent core,
a liquid pervious topsheet,
a liquid impervious backsheet,
said liquid pervious topsheet comprising a wettable substrate,

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said wettable substrate comprising a wetting agent consisting essentially of between about 1% and 13%, by weight, of a wetting compound, and between about 0% and 44% titanium dioxide (TiO_2), by weight, with the balance of said wetting agent comprising a polymeric carrier resin.

Claim 9 (withdrawn). A disposable waste-containment garment as in claim 8, wherein the garment is a diaper.

Claim 10 (withdrawn). A disposable waste-containment garment as in claim 8, wherein the garment is a catamenial device.